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**From:** Engels, Alan  
**Sent:** Thur 8/27/2015 9:43:54 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine call status

Yes. The letters were signed by our EPR ARA and the language was vetted through the ORC. The letters were sent directly out of FOIAonline. As Region 8 is the region responsible for the response the decision was made to get them processed and out the door. At this point, I think the earliest response date is set to September 22 or 23. As the regional FOIA Officer for Region 8 I am tracking and coordinating on several fronts to try to gather the necessary data. As new requests are entered into the FOIA system, we are automatically creating the 10 day extension letters and getting them out.

Dee Dee and I agreed on a 10 CST for a call on Monday, 9 AM Denver Time.

I am going to check for available rooms and will send an invite out with a call in number so that we can get a handle on where we are and talk about what assistance we might need in the near future.

I don't want to have a large meeting beyond the folks that I have included at this point. I think that meeting can be had on a different date and time. I want to concentrate on how Region's 6 and 8 can work together in connecting some dots about where we are in the process and how we should move forward.

I will also send out current listing of the open FOIAs, as they relate to the Gold King Mine.

Thanks

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**From:** Ford, Mark  
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**To:** Engels, Alan  
**Cc:** Ortiz, Diana; Patrick, Dwayne  
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Alan:

Who sent the extension letter(s) out? I am not aware that this letter went out from Region 6 or that we ever got a copy. Furthermore, is someone tracking the extension/record of communications/responses, etc via FOIA on-line as this is what is used as a performance tool for the Regions?

Dee Dee has asked that I be on the Monday call. We are planning to speak with you at 10:00am CST. Does this work for you?

Thanks,

Mark Ford

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**From:** Engels, Alan  
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**To:** Ford, Mark; Dolph, Becky  
**Cc:** Boydston, Michael; Harrison, Ben; Peycke, Mark; Ortiz, Diana; Patrick, Dwayne; Ragon, Derek  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine call status

Mark:

The extension letters have already been approved and sent to the requesters.

The Region 8 staff is working on a few related issues to ensure we are not collecting data that has already been reviewed by HQ counterparts. As you are aware, HQ released a large volume of documents last week and we working to determine who has all of the documents, so that we can pull from them and not do the same work twice.

I spoke with Dee in Region 6 earlier today regarding your offers of assistance. She and I plan to talk more on Monday. I believe she was looking to include you in on that call.

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**From:** Ford, Mark  
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**To:** Dolph, Becky  
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**Subject:** Gold King Mine call status

Becky:

It has been two weeks since our last call when all agreed that we would be having a follow-up call last Wednesday which did not happen. Region 6 is waiting on the 10 day extension language your office agreed to draft and circulate. Region 6, like the other Regions, are operating under the FOIA communication deadlines.

Please advise if Region 6 should ask for extensions using its own form letter or wait to hear back from HQ as to its template language. We need a decision by Friday August 28, 2015. I also remind all that we have one month left in the Fiscal year and no one wants any of these FOIAs to be reported as "overdue" .

Many thanks,

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